

MEETINGS OF TWO KAISERS DESCRIBED

Wilhelm Heartily Greeted Charles at German Main Headquarters.

FIELD GENERALS THERE

Emperors Toasted Each Other at Supper and Engaged in Lively Conversation.

AMSTERDAM, May 18.—The meeting between Emperor Charles and Emperor William at main headquarters is described by the Vienna correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt. Emperor William met the Austrian monarch at the station. The sovereigns heartily greeted each other and then motored to the house which had been prepared for the occupancy of Emperor Charles and where the principal military personages and statesmen awaited his coming. After the German Emperor had left for his quarters Emperor Charles received in turn the German representatives at the headquarters. The meeting was described by Baron Goto, the Japanese Foreign Minister, saying that the negotiations concern military action against Germany in case of necessity. It is expected to clarify public opinion and emphasize the fact that German influence is growing in Asiatic Russia, making it imperative for Japan and China to form a plan for common defense.

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Help Many Conferences.

The Chancellor and diplomats conferred together, and Von Hindenburg and Ludendorff had repeated conferences. The military and political leaders and the two Emperors met at supper. The German Emperor entered the salon and greeted his guests. He had a long talk with several officials. Telegrams were being continually handed to him.

Emperor William greeted Emperor Charles and invited him into the library. The German Chancellor, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, the German Foreign Secretary and the German Ambassador in London were present. After ten minutes the Emperors returned to the salon and extended a hand to each other. On the table in the library could be seen the documents which the Secretaries had been collecting.

Monarchs at Supper.

At supper the monarchs toasted each other, and later they and the officials engaged in conversations which were extraordinarily animated. Emperor Charles had a long talk with Chancellor von Hertling and Field Marshal von Hindenburg, and the German Emperor kept constantly returning to take brief part in the conversation. An eyewitness says that the prevailing feeling was one of strong confidence in the future.

Emperor William escorted Emperor Charles to the station, where a hearty farewell ended the meeting.

ENEMY COTTON TO BE SOLD.

Sale Will Be Offered Tomorrow at New York Exchange.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The first Government sale of enemy owned cotton will be held at the New York Cotton Exchange at 10 o'clock Monday morning. To the highest bidder will go 5,391 bales of cotton belonging to J. H. Bachmann, living in Germany. The cotton is at the American Dock Company, on Staten Island and the New York Dock Company at Brooklyn. It will be sold only to American citizens and the auction will be directed by the alien property custodian's office.

Other sales of cotton belonging to people in Germany and Austria will be disposed of in a similar way from time to time at Savannah and at other places in the South. The proceeds will be turned over to the United States Treasury and the final disposition of the proceeds will rest on Congressional legislation after the war.

CHINESE SUSPICION CREDITED TO SPIES

Students' Hostility to Treaty Fanned by Germans.

TOKYO, May 14 (delayed).—Premier Teruchi in an address to-day declared that peace in the Far East only would be served by promoting intimacy between Japan and China, in which latter country Japan desired a speedy termination of internal disorders.

The Premier gave warning of the danger of rumors calculated to estrange the friendly relations of Japan with China, America and other nations. He announced his determination likewise to continue as Premier so long as he enjoyed the confidence of the Emperor.

Chinese students in Japan continued to return to China, protesting that pending an agreement of disagreement they were unable to proceed to the promised independence of China. Eight hundred already have departed and 2,000 more are prepared to go.

The memorandum sent to school principals by Baron Goto, the Japanese Foreign Minister, saying that the negotiations concern military action against Germany in case of necessity. It is expected to clarify public opinion and emphasize the fact that German influence is growing in Asiatic Russia, making it imperative for Japan and China to form a plan for common defense.

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IMPROVED POSTAL SERVICE AT FRONT

Radical Changes Ordered to Expedite Mail for Americans in France.

By the Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 18.—A general order issued to-day establishes for the American expeditionary forces a military postal express service similar to the French system. It is hoped the result will be a material improvement in the delivery of mail to the American troops.

Under the Adjutant-General's office Lieut.-Col. Thorndike D. Howe, a National Guardsman and artilleryman, will direct the service, handling all mail for the American forces and supervising its distribution as well as attending to the collection of outgoing mail from France and its delivery to postal agents.

The director is authorized to establish his own regulations in regard to the size and weight of packages. He will have close relations with the allied postal authorities. A central military post office will be established at the headquarters of the supply service, where mail will be received and whence it will be delivered by a corps of divisional and regimental orderlies.

The various military units will have their own orderlies to care for the mail. At the general post office will be records which will make possible the speedy redirection of letters incorrectly addressed. Branch offices will be established to take care of the mail to and from troops attached to the British and French forces. Other branches will be set up for troops as they arrive in France.

The system as adopted by the American forces has been supplemented by certain features of the postal service of the Canadian overseas forces, whose requirements and problems are similar to those of the Americans.

It is not known how soon the system will be in active operation, but it is expected to be operating within a short time with sufficient efficiency to distribute all accumulated mail and reduce the time now required to get a letter to the soldiers from home.

The American expeditionary forces are anxiously awaiting the innovation, for the postal service now is apparently slower than ever. An officer on the Toul front last evening received United States mail dated last December.

Three Die in Crossing Crash.

SARATOGA SPRING, N. Y., May 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Peter L. Gassert and Anthony Maene, 10 years old, all of this city, were instantly killed late this afternoon when a Delaware and Hudson express train struck an automobile truck in which they were driving over a crossing. Gassert, who was a truckman, had bought the car earlier in the day. His infant child was injured but will live.

U. S. LINE IN FRANCE EXCEEDS BELGIANS'

American Troops, More Than 500,000, Third Numerically at Front.

Special Despatch to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Members of the Senate Military Affairs Committee attending the conference with the War Council of the War Department to-day were informed that the increments to the American forces in France in the last fortnight had brought the trench mileage held by the Americans to the highest point yet known and served to place our forces third numerically in the mileage along the French front. The front now guarded by the Americans is greater than that held by the Belgians, the French coming first, the British second, the Americans third and the Belgians fourth.

New figures regarding the number of Americans in France and those en route and ready to depart also were given to the Senators. Although they admitted that the actual figures did not tally closely with the more optimistic claims and expectations of the War Secretary they withheld the details.

However, Secretary Baker has announced that there are more than 500,000 Americans abroad at the present time. They hold sectors on the Picardy and Flanders fronts. From the rate at which the troops are departing it is expected that the Americans abroad will reach the total of a million men by the middle of summer.

In this connection it is said that the 500,000 figure of Secretary Baker already is out of date. One of the reasons responsible is that the number of men going "over there" weekly is increasing at a rapid rate, due to the improvement of the transport problem. At the same time it was noted that the problem of supplying the American fighters was increasing as the size of the force expanded, and that this question already is receiving consideration.

Secretary Baker enlivened the conference by telling the Senators present he was delighted to learn that from now on the question of transportation in France would be greatly simplified. He said that 300,000 horses had been purchased in France for use of the American army transport service.

Just why this vast number of draught animals had been released from the service of the French was not explained. It was of course assumed that what really had happened, if such an eventuality had arisen, was that the French in reorganizing their reserve units had dismantled permanently a large number of cavalry divisions.

The statement occasioned surprise, for the committee had never suspected that such a great number of horses existed in France, and further they were set wondering where all the forage was coming from.

SEMENOFF BEGINS SIBERIAN ATTACK

Cossack Leader Moves West With 3,000 Men.

By the Associated Press.

MOSCOW, May 12 (delayed).—The advance upon Siberia of Gen. Semenov, the Cossack anti-Bolshevik leader, is taking tangible form. His force numbers 3,000 men, a third of whom are Russians and the rest, according to Bolsheviki reports, are Japanese and Chinese.

Gen. Semenov's army is moving in three columns on a front of 300 miles, using railroads, rivers and highways. It is said to be well equipped, with artillery, machine guns, motor trucks and airplanes. The first column is only two stations from the junction of the trans-Siberian and Amur railways, the cutting of which would isolate Siberia beyond China. Strelnik, on the Amur line east of Chita, is being evacuated. The Siberian and Soviet Governments have approved an allied movement in Siberia as certain as soon as an understanding is reached between the Allies and the claimants to authority in Siberia.

New Air Raid on Paris Fails.

PARIS, May 18.—German airplanes attempted to bombard Paris again last night, but did not reach the city. Bombs, however, were dropped on outlying suburbs.

MILITARY FUNERAL FOR CAPT. RESNATI

Allied War Missions to Attend Services Over Italian Aviator Tuesday.

Owing to the expressed wish of representatives of British, French and Italian war missions to attend the funeral of Capt. Antonio Bivio Resnati it was decided yesterday to hold the ceremony at St. Patrick's Cathedral Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock rather than at Hempstead, L. I., flying fields, where he met his death. The body will be shipped from Minsola with a military escort at 1:15 o'clock that day.

In the procession at the church there will be 150 soldiers of the United States and allied armies on duty in and near the city. Mgr. M. J. Lavelle will deliver the funeral sermon. The arrangements are in charge of Major C. A. Canady, Major Thomas Hitchcock and Capt. J. S. Daherty. Interment will be made temporarily at Calvary Cemetery. After the war the body will be taken to its last resting place in Italy.

There was a very impressive ceremony

yesterday in the undertaking establishment of C. E. Cornell's Son in Hempstead, where Resnati's body lies in state. The Italian Consul of New York and a number of Italian army and naval officers in full uniform drove out from Manhattan in automobiles and placed a large American flag over Capt. Resnati. Over the shoulders of the aviator was another Italian flag with the three Ace insignia of Italy in white cross.

Larger floral pieces were sent by Major Canady, the commander of Hasehurst Field at Minsola, and Major Thomas Hitchcock, in command of the training department. Shortly before noon the Italian mission to this country also visited the undertaking establishment and later conferred with the officers at the Minsola field.

Capt. Resnati was one of the most popular officers who ever visited this country. His wonderful aerial feats have been daily witnessed by the thousands of troops at Camp Mills coming from all sections of the United States. Capt. Resnati's father is a surgeon in the Italian Army. His mother is engaged in Red Cross work.

British Chaplain Slain.

By the Associated Press.

TOKIO, May 14 (delayed).—The chaplain of a British warship in the port of Vladivostok has been found dead in the suburbs, says a despatch to the Asahi Shimbun from Vladivostok. He really had happened, if such an eventuality had arisen, was that the French in reorganizing their reserve units had dismantled permanently a large number of cavalry divisions.

100 TO 200 KILLED AT BIG TNT PLANT

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after 5 o'clock an explosion, louder and more powerful than any since noon, swept away the remnants of the fire and practically cleared the blackened space. Many bodies were consumed in the flames, the authorities declared, while parts of others were so tossed about the Coroner's deputies said it would be impossible to identify such portions as might be eventually found.

Among the dead Coroner Samuel C. Jamison found was Samuel Diecht, assistant superintendent of the Heidelberg plant of the Aetna company, while John B. Johnston, superintendent of the Oakdale plant, was among the badly injured.

At the stations of the interurban street car lines and at the Pennsylvania Railroad stations of the various communities for fifteen miles on either side of Oakdale, were assembled women with the head dress and costumes of Red Cross workers on their way to Pittsburgh to participate in a parade.

News of the explosions flew from borough to borough, and as with one impulse the thought was inspired that the Red Cross workers were needed at Oakdale more than at Pittsburgh. Abandon-

ing all thoughts of parade the women flocked to the afflicted area by automobile and by trolley, ready for any sacrifice or service for which they might be called.

And these women lent valuable aid in bringing order and system out of the chaotic condition among the panic-stricken families of workmen.

Answering the first call for hospital aid and ambulances went a corps of nurses and physicians from St. John's hospital, located in the southern part of the city. Miss Ascheiman was acting as a stretcher bearer carrying a wounded man to the ambulance, when one of the explosions came. She was thrown to the ground and the patient on the stretcher was killed. When help reached Miss Ascheiman it was found that one leg had been blown off.

Scarcely one who lived through the explosion is able to tell a coherent story of the happenings.

The explosion hurled burning embers in every direction for almost a mile, and oil derricks were set afire.

To-night portions of human bodies are being picked up a mile and more from the plant. Residents about Renneville reported seeing the bodies of men flying through the air, and early to-night arms and legs were being reported along the railroad tracks three-quarters of a mile from the Aetna plant.

Residents of the neighboring boroughs describe the scene as one resembling the eruption of a volcano. Huge clouds of yellowish brown smoke rose in the air in dense volumes, carrying with it a

suffocating gaseous fume that spread over the countryside.

Troops of the State Constabulary arranged a zone of safety about half a mile from the plant, and to-night the deadly fumes are so heavy that no one has been able to approach within that distance.

Dr. J. A. Stanna, a Pennsylvania Railroad surgeon in charge of the first relief train, described Oakdale as a "living hell." He said that when his train left the stricken community the flames were shooting three and four hundred feet into the air and threatening to engulf the town. He said his train had to race through the flames to pass an unexploded bank of TNT.

ORDERS FINISH DIET ARRESTS

High Court of Justice Moves to Restrict Government.

BROOKLYN, May 18.—Finland's High Court of Justice sitting at Abo, Russia, ordered yesterday by telegraph the arrest of all Socialist members of the Finnish Diet and also those members not compromised by the insurrection. Restoration of a government in Finland thus would be obtained, as no new general election will take place before a decision is reached on the question of a monarchy as opposed to a republic and a one or two chamber system.

Gen. Mannerheim's speech expressing the Finnish army's demand for a monarchy, it is understood here, bears heavy weight.

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A Timely Sale of Women's Silk Gloves

Will feature excellent values in

Two-Clasp Pure Silk Double Finger Tipped Gloves in

White, white with black embroidery, Black with Paris Points, and Grey with embroidered backs,

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